

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protections Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/869,951
Filing Date	December 10, 2001
First Named Inventor	Ronald WENDENBURG, et al
Group Art unit	2872
Examiner Name	Mark A. Robinson
Attorney Docket Number	GK-ZEI-3130 /500343.20130

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 18, 2001.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [Date filed on].

iii. ☐ Other:

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other: Petition For A Three Month Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. ☐ Other:

3. Fees

The RCE Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account 50-1529.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

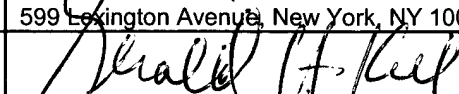
ii. ☒ Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other:

b. ☒ Check (s) in the amount of \$1,720.00 is enclosed.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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